The Field Museum

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
August 20, 1999

Four-story dino causes gapers' delays on the Drive

To help identify The Field Museum as a world-class destination for dinosaur enthusiasts, the Museum has constructed a four-story tall model of a *Brachiosaurus* on the Museum's northwest terrace, in full view of Lake Shore Drive.

The new outdoor *Brachiosaurus* model is made of weather resistant fiberglass polyester resin (similar to a fiberglass car body) and is supported by an embedded space truss—a lightweight structural system made of steel rods and gussets interlaced with the dinosaur's skeleton. It is designed to hold the dinosaur in place while resisting the forces of wind, snow and gravity.

The visually unobtrusive support system is the only one of its kind in the world. The total weight of the *Brachiosaurus* and its steel support is 5,000 pounds.

The *Brachiosaurus* installation was managed by Stephen O'Malley of CATH Associates, the Evanston-based project management firm which also oversees the Museum's facilities planning office. Prehistoric Animal Structures, Inc., of Alberta, Canada, performed the installation.

The *Brachiosaurus* is modeled from bones excavated in 1900 by Field Museum paleontologist Elmer Riggs. He discovered the creature's fossilized remains outside the town of Grand Junction in western Colorado. *Brachiosaurus* was a plant eating dinosaur that lived 150 million years ago in the late Jurassic period.

The Field Museum's current dinosaur exhibitions include **Life Over Time** and the **McDonald's Fossil Preparation Laboratory.** In May 2000, the Museum plans to unveil the completely assembled skeleton of **SUE**, the largest and most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* ever found.

From the Public Relations media alert

FIELD NOTES

Week of August 23

Public Events/Special Events

Downtown Thursday Nights
(Museum open until 8 p.m.)
- Thursday

Millennium Mosaic Project
- Friday and Saturday

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tae Bo Class
- Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Classroom A

Tuesday Noon Seminar Series
- Zoology Classroom

Running Club
- Wednesday 5 p.m.
  Meets at West Door

Softball
- Wednesday after work
  Call John Petreikis at ext. 7340
  for details/directions

DALAI LAMA VISIT

His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet will be at The Field Museum on Saturday, August 28 for a public address in Stanley Field Hall at 9:30 a.m. and a panel discussion in James Simpson Theatre at 1:30 p.m. The Dalai Lama's visit is sponsored by The Field Museum and the Tibetan Alliance of Chicago

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations to Lisa Rosenberger (Division of Fishes and OAB graduate student at University of Chicago). Lisa received the Samuel H. Gruber Award from the American Elasmobranch Society for the best oral presentation at the 1999 American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists Conference at Penn State, June 24-30. Kudos to Lisa on a job well done!

Submitted by Tina Bentz

Special Events is pleased to announce the promotion of Ellie Gunther to assistant manager. Ellie has been with us since October and has quickly mastered the art of orchestrating events within the Museum. Please join us in congratulating her. Ellie's number remains the same, ext. 7605.

Submitted by Carol Konieczny

Please join the Exhibits department in welcoming Eric Hoffman to the Museum. Eric assumes the position of assistant to Sophia Shaw and Exhibits Department coordinator, replacing Martina Hough, who has joined Anthropology. Eric's experience includes positions at Morgan Stanley and Northwestern University. He can be reached at ext. 7325.

Submitted by Sophia Shaw

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

News from the Anthropology Department

Dr. **Gary Feinman** officially joins the Anthropology Department on August 23 as Chair and Curator for Mesoamerican Archeology and Anthropology. Gary has an international reputation as a leading scholar of Mesoamerica and has conducted extensive fieldwork in the Oaxaca valley of Mexico. He has also recently undertaken archeological survey research in China.

As chair of the Anthropology Department, Gary will take over from **Alaka Wali**, who has been acting as chair. He will be in charge of department and collections administration.

Alaka continues as director of the Center for Cultural Understanding and Change, which is charged with facilitating the integration of anthropological research into the museum's public programs and broadening the scope of museum anthropology toward an urban and regional emphasis.

The department is also pleased to announce two new additions to our staff. Dr. **Stephen Nash** joins the department as head of collections. Stephen received a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona and has most recently held a post-doctoral position here at the Museum, working on the Paul S. Martin collections. He is the author of *Time, Trees, and Prehistory: Tree-Ring Dating and the Development of North American Archaeology, 1914-1950*, published by University of Arizona Press. A second book is scheduled for publication in 2000. Steve will oversee and coordinate collections care and use for the department, working closely with the curatorial, conservation, and collections management staff.

Also joining the department as assistant curator for Asian Anthropology is Dr. **Anne Underhill**, recently of Yale University. Anne is considered a leading scholar of archeology in China, and was only one of three North American based archeologists to be granted permission to conduct research in China. Anne's work here is supported by the generosity of the Katharine P. Boone Estate. Anne will be spending the fall in China conducting field research. She will return to The Field Museum in January.

We appreciate everyone's assistance as we make these exciting transitions!

Submitted by the Anthropology Department

Peruvian Zoological Expedition bound for Manu National Park

On Tuesday August 17, Bruce Patterson (Mammals), Doug Stotz (ECP), Pepe Tello (Birds) and Phil Parrillo (Insects) left on the 1999 Peruvian Zoological Expedition, bound for Manu National Park. The trip is the first leg of fieldwork under an NSF-supported project entitled "Mammals, birds, and their parasites over an elevational gradient in southeastern Peru."

Addendum

Attention All Museum Staff And Volunteers

2nd Reminder - On Saturday, August 28, due to the visit of the Dalai Lama, you must enter the building before 9:00 a.m. or after 11:30 a.m., and only through the shipping entrance. Staff and volunteers who have purchased tickets for the event may enter through the south door. **All Departments must submit a complete list of their staff and volunteers who will be working in the Museum to Ron Cundiff in Security as soon as possible. Only those staff who are on the list and who have their ID will be allowed to enter.**

Staff who do not have to come in on the 28th should not do so. Access to several areas - especially the ground floor Education, Finance, Administration and Museum Campus areas, will be prohibited until after 1:30 p.m.

For Security reasons, the north staff elevator will not be available until after 11:30 a.m. The north elevator will not stop on the ground floor until after 3:30 p.m.

Note: There will be no parking in the west lot until after 4:00 p.m. on August 28. All staff and volunteers should park in the Soldier Field east lot.

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August 11, 1999

Mary Ellen Munley
The Field Museum
Education Department
Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive
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Dear Mary Ellen,

I'm writing this letter to commend you for sponsoring the Faces of Faith. Some friends were visiting us from Columbus, Ohio and I recommended they go to the Field Museum. My wife went with them and stumbled across the troupe drumming and singing and followed it through to the end. She raved about it and recommended I go see it. I took a day off work and saw it on Wednesday, August 4, 1999 and saw it with my wife from beginning to the end. I was highly impressed.

Let me explain a bit about myself. I am a counselor, in the suburbs, who deals with troubled teens and their families. I will be giving two talks to parents in the fall on ways to prevent violence in youth. For me, seeing youth engaged in very positive actions, where they obviously had some input, who bring enthusiasm and solutions to conflict; shows the opposite and antidote to tragic acts like those in Littleton, Colorado. Faces of Faith was life affirming. I interviewed Meade Palidafsky and one of her interns after the performance. I was again very impressed; for her to take a very diverse group of kids and "draw out" (educate) their best talents and weld them into a team. Then for the team to help illuminate exhibits to the public and tie it all in together with forethought and consciousness is extraordinary.

I want to thank you for having Faces of Faith and hope you will collaborate with Music Theater Workshop again in the future. This is something very rare and special and I would say daring.

Sincerely,

Bill Webster

Bill Webster M.S., L.C.P.C.
(847)823-0650

C.C. To Meade

August 8, 1999

Tracey Pilch
1400 S. Lakeshore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605-2496

Dear Ms. Pilch,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for helping me obtain my internship with the Field Museum. I found my eight weeks there to be highly educational, as well as enjoyable. Not only did I learn a great deal, but I established friendships with my fellow interns that I hope to maintain. Of the internships that I have received over the last three years, I have to rate my experience at the Museum as one of the best.

I feel that this internship will be highly beneficial to my long-term career goals. I hope someday that I will return to the Museum in a more long-term position. Until then, however, thank you again for providing me with this enriching opportunity.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle N. K. Dean

Gabrielle N. K. Dean
Intern in ECP

Calendar of Upcoming Events
August/September 1999

Navy Pier closes out the summer with lakefront activities and Skyline Stage concerts throughout August and September. From fireworks to a performance by the Trinity Irish Dance Company, summer visitors can enjoy both indoor events and outside activities on Chicago's spectacular lakefront.

Following is a schedule of events for August and September:

Fireworks!!
Wednesdays and Saturdays, Through September 4

Evenings at Navy Pier are ablaze with color and music as visitors are treated to a spectacular fireworks show every Wednesday and Saturday evening through Labor Day.

Admission: Free
Hours: 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 10:15 p.m. Saturdays

"Swing Into the Weekend At Navy Pier"
Thursdays Through September 2

Every Thursday evening, visitors are invited to swing the night away to the sounds of a live swing band on the Miller Lite Stage. A different swing band is featured each week. *Navy Pier Beer Garden*

Admission: Free
Hours: 8 p.m. - 12 a.m.

"Dancing Under the Stars"
Wednesdays Through August 25

Visitors will experience unforgettable nights of Dancing Under the Stars in the incredible setting on Navy Pier's historic East End. Guests will not only have the opportunity to dance the night away to a different type of music, performed each week by top local orchestras, but the Pier will feature a spectacular fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. each Wednesday. *East End*

Following is a listing of scheduled performers (subject to change):

August 4	The Weiss Brothers Orchestra
August 11	The Dick Judson Orchestra
August 18	The Stanley Paul Orchestra
August 25	Orchestra of the Americas

Admission: Free
Hours: Free dance lessons 6 to 7 p.m.
Dancing 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

HGTV's Appraisal Fair
August 14 - 15

Cable Television's Home and Garden Channel will continue filming 65 episodes of the popular show the Appraisal Fair on August 14 & 15. Hosted by Leslie Hindman, the Appraisal Fair invites visitors to bring their antiques or collectibles to the Pier for a free value assessment. Reservations for appraisals must be made in advance by calling (877) THE-FAIR. *Crystal Gardens*

Admission: Free
Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Labor Day Weekend Celebration
September 4 - 6

Families looking to end the summer season with a bang will head to Navy Pier Labor Day weekend (September 4 - 6) for a variety of activities, including the final fireworks shows of the summer. As always, the Miller Lite Stage in the Navy Pier Beer Garden will be rockin' with some of Chicago's top bands and entertainers. In addition, the Pier will also have a variety of strolling performers, including the Pier's own hilarious improv troupe, A Piering Daily. And, don't forget . . . the last fireworks shows of the season are set to light the lakefront ablaze at 10:15 p.m. on Saturday.

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Admission: Free
Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NAACP Diversity Job Fair
September 21

The NAACP will offer minorities the opportunity to meet prospective employers in a variety of different fields such as hardware/software, engineering, data and telecommunications. Exhibitors from a variety of corporations will be featured. *Terrace D*

Admission: TBA
Hours: TBA

Contact: Marilynn Kelly (312) 595-5032 Maura Sheahan (312) 595-5031

Skyline Stage

August/September 1999

Skyline Stage is in full swing throughout August and September with a line-up that carries out the 1,500 seat performance pavilion's tradition of offering audiences an eclectic mix of performers in a setting like no other. Tickets for all performances are available by calling TicketMaster at (312) 559-1212. Tickets may also be purchased at the Skyline Stage Box Office, Tuesdays through Sundays, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m., and through the first hour of each performance.

Following is a listing of scheduled performers for August and September:

August

1	Navy Pier Follies	3 p.m.	Adults $5; Children $3
4	The Kinsey Report & Carey Bell	7 p.m.	$6
5-6	New World, New Art	7:30 p.m.	$18
7	Blue Oyster Cult	7:30 p.m.	$19.50; $17
8	Navy Pier Follies	3 p.m.	Adults $5; Children $3
11	Long John Hunter & Michael Hills Blues Mob	7 p.m.	$6
14	Kool & The Gang	7:30 p.m.	$29.50
15	Navy Pier Follies	3 p.m.	Adults $5; Children $3
18	Saffire- The Uppity Blues Women & Corey Harris	7 p.m.	$6
19	Weird Al Yankovic	6:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.	$26
20	Boney James	7 p.m.	$32.50
21	Navy Pier Follies	5 p.m.	Adults $5; Children $3
22	Navy Pier Follies	5 p.m.	Adults $5; Children $3
25	Little Charlie and the Nights & Lil Ed & The Blues Imperials	7 p.m.	$6
26	Stompin' at Skyline	7:30 p.m.	$10
27	Trinity Irish Dance Company	2 p.m. (Family Show) 8 p.m. (Professional Company)	$12 adult; $8 children under 12 $20
28	Dance For Life	7:30 p.m.	TBA
29	Navy Pier Follies	3 p.m.	Adults $5; Children $3

September

3	Mr. Blotto	8 p.m.	$10
4	Citibank Presents Earl Klugh	7:30 p.m.	$22.50
5	Navy Pier Follies	3 p.m.	Adults $5; Children $3
5	Little Richard	7:30 p.m.	$37.50
9	Joe Sample	7:30 p.m.	$32.50
12	Park Community Church	TBA	FREE
15	The Blue Grass Sessions	7:30 p.m.	TBA

The Miller Lite Stage
In the Navy Pier Beer Garden

August 1	Breakin' Strings	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	Flammable Dress	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
	BBI	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
August 2	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 3	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 4	Jealousy & Mayhem	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	The Weed Street Band	8 p.m. -12 a.m.
August 5	Nicholas Barron & Galaxy Three	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Phil Baron and Jump City	8 p.m.- 12 a.m.
August 6	Nicholas Baron and Galaxy Three	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Libido Funk Circus	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 7	Kickin' Out Priscilla	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	Trippin' Billies	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Yabba	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 8	Rick from Uncle John's Band	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	Déjà vu	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
	BBI	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
August 9	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 10	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 11	Hadley Peele	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Betsy & the Boneshakers	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 12	Nicholas Barron and Galaxy Three	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	3 Cent Stomp	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 13	Gypsy Farai	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Lynn Jordan & the Shivers	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 14	Nicholas Barron & Galaxy Three	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	The Subliminals	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	The US Project	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 15	2 Strung Out	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	The Maroons	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
	Libido Funk Circus	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
August 16	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 17	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 18	Domestic Problems	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Cats Under the Stars	8 p.m. -12 a.m.
August 19	Déjà vu	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Speakeasy Swing	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 20	Chicago Red Hots	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Lynn Jordan & The Shivers	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 21	The Mary Janes	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	Dustin Parker Band	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	The Business	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 22	Nicholas Barron & Galaxy Three	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	Cheatin' Heart	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
	BBI	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
August 23	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 24	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 25	Trial by Z	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Hello Mr. Arthur	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 26	Stephanie Rogers Band	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Penthouse Playboys	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 27	The Buzz	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Uncle John's Band	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 28	Kate Schrock	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	Dustin Parker Band	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
	Fabulous Janes	8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
August 29	Rick from Uncle John's Band	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
	Kickin' Out Priscilla	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
	World Class Noise	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
August 30	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
August 31	Disc Jockey Jim Jensen	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Contact: Marilynn Kelly (312) 595-5032 or Maura Sheahan (312) 595-5031

In September **Matt Dean** (Insects) and **Tom Gnoske** (Birds) will also join the group, which also includes former Advanced Training Program alumnus Sergio Solari (San Marcos University) and five Peruvian graduate and undergraduate students. Over 10 weeks, the team will expand survey and inventory efforts in what is already the world's richest national park, obtaining the first-ever comprehensive collections of ectoparasites from this region. Camps to be visited in Year 1 include sites in Amazon forest, cloud forest, and puna (alpine tundra) habitats.

More information is available at http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/ showaward?award=9870191.

Visitors from the Philippines to work in Botany and Zoology

Two visitors from the Philippines will be working on projects based in Botany and Zoology until late September or early October. Both visited here several years ago, so their names may sound familiar.

Nina Ingle is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Cornell University, with her dissertation on the role of fruit-eating bats and birds in forest regeneration through seed dispersal; she has recently spent over 3 years doing fieldwork on Mt. Kitanglad in Mindanao. She will be working with **Robin Foster** (ECP) and me on development of the first identification guides to plants and mammals of montane rain forests in Mindanao, for use by researchers and park managers. These guides will be used in training workshops for Filipino researchers, park managers, and local people.

Blas R. Tabaranza, Jr., who is currently director of the Terrestrial Ecosystems Program for the Haribon Foundation (the oldest and most active conservation group in the Philippines), recently stepped down as executive director of Haribon and took a leave from his position as professor of biology at Mindanao State University so that he could pursue a Ph.D. in Wildlife Management at the University of the Philippines. He will spend his time here writing parts of his dissertation based on our Philippine mammal collection and working with Nina and me on several manuscripts about mammalian diversity patterns and conservation.

Submitted by **Larry Heaney**

FUN PHONE FACTS

Please Note: Some features may not be available to you; if so, you will not be prompted for those options. In addition, your telephone system may not support some features.

How to use your power keys

These controls are always available:

Help	Press 0
Operator	Press 0-0
Cancel or Exit	Press *
Finish or Skip	Press #

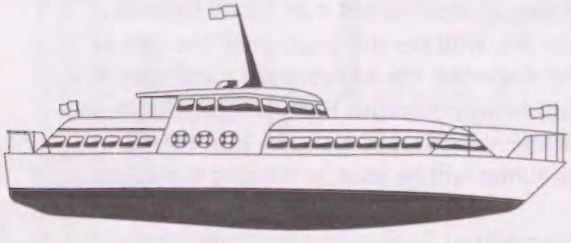
Playback controls

Use these controls while listening to messages. Some controls are available while recording messages.

Position	Rewind Press 1	Pause/Restart Press 2	Forward Press 3
Speed	Slower Press 4	Envelope Info. Press 5	Faster Press 6
Volume		Normal Press 8	Louder Press 9
	Cancel Press 7	Help Press 0	Skip Press #

JOIN THE SOCIAL EVENT COMMITTEE FOR A BOAT RIDE!

We would like to invite staff to join in on the exciting sightseeing boat tours given by Shoreline Tours. On September 3rd, we will all meet at the North door at 12 noon. The tour starts at 12:15p.m., and lasts about 30 minutes. This event gives staff a chance to mix and mingle with one another once again. Hope to see you there!



Human Resources and
Social Event Committee

MORNING AND AFTERNOON CONVERSATIONS WITH PUBLIC SERVICES STAFF

As the Fall nears so do many events and exhibits. Help us help you in promoting your event by attending Morning(8:30 a.m.) or Afternoon Conversation(3:00 p.m.) with the Public Services staff. These informational meetings will allow event and exhibit coordinators to inform the Public Services staff of upcoming events and exhibits.

Call Jacqueline Benitez in the Public Services Department to schedule a Morning or Afternoon Conversation at extension 7911.